

FACT SHEET:

FAMILY DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT PROGRAM



Program Overview

The first Family Dependency Drug Court (FDDC) in the County of Los Angeles was established in 2006 as a pilot project.

Today there are five FDDC partnerships throughout the County of Los Angeles.

The FDDC addresses the needs of substance abusing parents while efforts are being made to foster family reunification.

FDDC offers a minimum of twelve months to complete a treatment plan, using incentives to acknowledge each client's progression through treatment.

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 - Outcomes

- Number of new participants: 125
- Number of participants who completed the program: 38
- Number of drug free babies born: 8

Target population

The Family Dependency Drug Court program serves adults new to the Los Angeles Superior Juvenile Dependency Court who are parents of children in the child welfare system. These parents are identified by the Department of Children and Family Services as having a need for substance abuse treatment services.

Goals of Family Dependency Drug Court programs:

- Reduce alcohol and drug usage, thus increase the likelihood of family reunification.
- Decrease time to reunification.
- Reduce the number of substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect following reunification.
- Reduce social costs.

The success of the FDDC Program is due to the collaborative efforts of the following Los Angeles County agencies:

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| • Superior Court | • District Attorney |
| • Public Defender | • Alternate Public Defender |
| • Department of Public Health,
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control | • Department of Children and Family
Services |
| • Substance Abuse Treatment Providers | |